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Effort to Merge the Consell and the ANFD

1. According to information of late November 1946, the Consell Nacional de
la Democracia Catalana (National Council of Catalan Democracy) for some
time had been trying to reach an agreement with the Alianza Nacional de
Fuerzas Democraticas of Catalonia for the fusion of the two organizations.
Considerable progress had been made and the Consell was about to change
its name and admit the ANFD, when the members of the ANFD distributed
some leaflets which were very centralist in tone. This action caused the
negotiations to be suspended, although they were not broken off altogether.

2. Source states that if a union of the two resistance organizations now
existing in Catalonia is effected, all the Catalan opposition forces
will be united, with the exception of the Communists, who do not form a
part of either of the two groups.

Relations between the Consell and the Generalitat

3. Under date of 15 October 1946, the President of the Consell sent a letter,
which was read by source, to Josep Irla, the President of the Catalan
Government-in-Exile. It reads substantially as follows:

> By unanimous agreement of the Consell Nacional de la Democracia
> Catalana, the President of this organization addresses himself to
> the President of the Government of the Generalitat to explain to him
> the resolutions unanimously adopted by the Consell.

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Comment: According to a leaflet dated 11 September 1946,
which was distributed by the Consell in Catalonia, but edited in
Perpignan by Antoni Rovira i Virgili of the Esquerra Republicana de
Catalunya, the following organizations form part of the Consell:
Accio Catalana, Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya, Estat Catala, Unio
Democratica de Catalunya, Moviment Socialista de Catalunya, Unio de
Rabassaires, Front Nacional de Catalunya, Partit Republica d'Esquerra,
Unio Catalanista, Partit Nacionalista Catala, and Lliga Catalana.

The 7 December issue of the pro-government CNT periodical, Espana Libre,
contains a manifesto of the ANFD of Catalonia signed by the following
groups: The Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo y Movimiento Libertario,
the Union General de Trabajadores, the Partit Obrer d'Unificacio
Marxista and the Partido Socialista Obrero Espanol.

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The Consell wishes to establish, for the best interests of Catalonia, the closest relations with the Government of the Gener-alitat in Exile.

    a. The link of union will be the President of the Government abroad and the President of the Consell in the Interior.

    b. The Government, with the greatest unselfishness and in the certainty of thus serving the best interests of Catalonia, maintains a legalist position. The Consell, equally desirous of serving Catalonia, takes its bearings from the tripartite note of March 1946. Each organization, while maintaining the best relations, can pursue its own course, since the interests of Catalonia demand that all roads which might lead to the solution of the Spanish problem be followed.

    c. Although it is not indispensable, it is desirable that the forces organized in the interior be represented in the Government-in-Exile.

4. Irla had not answered the letter by the end of November.

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